(b) whether there is any plan under consideration of the Union Government to utilise the vacant land for any other purposes,

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) if not, whether the Union Government propose to hand over the same to the State Government for various development works?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) (a) to (d) The Project had acquired land to facilitate construction of the barrage, its allied structures and development of infrastructure and their subsequent operation and maintenance While the construction of main components of the barrage have been completed the operation and maintenance is a continuing process With a view to avoid unplanned encroachment and excessive urbanisation very close to the structures and water bodies, modalities of land use planning and development activity adjoining Farakka complex are required to be worked out in coordination with the Government of West Bengal

[*Translation*]

Som - Kamla Dam

1913 SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item regarding provision of gate to the Som-Kamla Dam Project appearing in the Sunday Mail of December 15 1991

(b) if so whether the Government have conducted or propose to conduct an investigation in this regard,

(c) if so, the details thereof and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) (a) to (d) The project is being executed by the Government of Rajasthan It is for the State Government to act, Centre has not received any report in the matter

[*English*]

Telecom Switching Unit

1914 SHRI SUDARSAN RAYCHAUDHURI
SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADYAY
SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have approved any proposal for telecom switching unit in Eastern part of the country,

(b) whether there is any offer from Western investors for such units, and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) According to the New Industrial Policy, no approval is required for the manufacture of telecom switching equipment Intending manufacturers are required to file Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum with Ministry of Industry (SIA)

(b) M/s Siemens Limited, Bombay have filed memorandum of information under the industrial policy for setting up of a unit to produce telecom switching equipment at Salt Lake Complex, near Calcutta in technical